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PATENT  
450100-02651IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yusuke IHARA  
 Serial No. : 09/640,629  
 For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE PRINTING SYSTEMS AND METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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 Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	12	Minus	*** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ .00
Independent claims	8	Minus	*** = 8	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ .00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ .00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
- \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.
- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of  additional claims  petition for extension of time.
- Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 9, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006, and a two-month period

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for response set to expire on October 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.